1996 Tornado Fatalities

The NWS recorded 196 days with tornadoes during the year. These 1,170 tornadoes caused 25 fatalities and 705 injuries, 45 fewer deaths than the 30-year national average of 70. Arkansas was hit hardest with 11 of the 25 tornado fatalities (44%); 7 deaths occurred on April 14 when an F4 tornado cut a path of destruction 44 miles long and a half mile wide through Stone and Izard Counties. One week later, on April 21, an F3 tornado killed 4 more people as it moved through Sebastian and Madison Counties, Arkansas. An F3 tornado killed 7 people in Alabama in March, when it cut a 19-mile path through Montgomery. Fourteen of the 25 fatalities occurred in mobile homes (56%); eight in permanent homes (32%). Of the 25 deaths, 60% were male and 40% were female.

STATE	<u>BU</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>sc</u>	<u>VE</u>	TOTAL
AL	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	7
AR	0	0	6	0	0	5	0	0	11
FL	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
GA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
IL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
LA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WI	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	0	14	1	0	8	0	2	25
PERCENT	0	0	56	4	0	32	0	8	100

	FEMALE	MALE	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	TOTAL	PERCENT
0 TO 9	2	1	0	3	12
10 TO 19	1	1	0	2	8
20 TO 29	0	2	0	2	8
30 TO 39	0	2	0	2	8
40 TO 49	0	0	0	0	0
50 TO 59	4	3	0	7	28
60 TO 69	2	2	0	4	16
70 TO 79	0	3	0	3	12
80 TO 89	1	1	0	2	8
90 TO	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	10	15	0	25	100
PERCENT	40	60	0	100	

LEGEND
BU - Business
LS - Long-Span Roof
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
SC - School
VE - Vehicle